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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH
ALFONSO SAPIA-BOSCH *al*SUBJECT: Draft NSDD: Enhanced U.S. Military Presence and
Assistance for the Central American Region

At Tab I is a draft NSDD which implements the President's decisions regarding military activities in Central America. This document evolves from the July 8, 1983 NSC meeting and the President's tasking memo of July 12 (Tab A). Secretary Weinberger's July 13 response is at Tab B. The President's July 18 decision memo is at Tab C. For the record, we have attached (Tab D) copies of the actual line-in-line out changes made by the department/agency principals in the process of coordinating the document. The draft was also coordinated with the vice president (Dan Murphy).

Recognizing the controversy that this issue has created at the State Department, the following chronology may be helpful to you:

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- Friday, July 8: NSC meeting. [] military situation reviewed. All except SECSTATE agree that situation in region is deteriorating. Bipartisan Commission discussed.
- Saturday- Monday, July 9-11: NSC coordination with State, OSD, JCS, DCI, and OMB re elements of Presidential results of NSC meeting.
- Tuesday, July 12: President's memo directing preparations of plans for Bipartisan Commission, military exercises, and legislative/public affairs action (Tab A). Motley sworn in.
- Wednesday, July 13: Weinberger memo sent to President 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, July 14: Meeting in ARA re commission; exercises discussed.
- Friday, July 15: 8:30 a.m. SIG meeting at State. Participants briefed by JCS and OSD re exercise proposals.

NSC review completed.

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- Saturday, July 16: A.M.: State chaired SIG. DOD exercises paper provided to ARA (Motley) by DOD (Ikle). P.M.: Presidential decision on deployment of Ranger Battle Group. Review of Florida speech. Personnel decisions on commission.
- Sunday, July 17: Final review of Florida speech. Package on commission sent to Dr. Kissinger. Paper for President on military plan put in final draft.
- Monday, July 18: A.M.: President to Florida for ILA speech. P.M.: DOD public affairs planning meeting in Ikle's office. North briefs Johnstone and group re President's decisions on exercises.
- Tuesday, July 19: 4:00 p.m. meeting with ARA (Motley's office). Exercises discussed along with action plans for commission and public affairs strategy.
- Thursday, July 21: 4:00 p.m. restricted IG at State Department (ARA). Exercises and leaks discussed at meeting.
- Friday, July 22: First draft of NSDD prepared.
- Saturday-Sunday, July 23-24: Drafts of NSDD handcarried to SIG principals for concurrence.
- Monday-Tuesday, July 25-26: NSDD approvals/comments incorporated.

To summarize the chronology above, there is a rather wide circle of guilt regarding the exercises if someone wants to make a point of the issue. State has a rather selective memory regarding events, since they took action on their sections of the July 12 memo and undoubtedly knew that DOD was proceeding on their portion. DOD did not send their July 13 memo to State for coordination, but maintains they did not do so due to leaks which had already started. Subsequent to the July 18 decision, we probably should have shown the President's decision memorandum to State rather than verbally briefing the matter. The bottom line is that the NSDD at Tab I reflects their input and it is now time to pull together for the common good rather than continue the stream of recriminations.

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You should be aware that we did not take all of everyone's changes. For example, we kept the original language that State wanted withdrawn regarding lack of Congressional funding for FMS. We also kept the "SECSTATE" in the last paragraph since foreign military assistance is an integral part of what we may need in increased resources. We did not take DOD's proposed change to the last paragraph in which they wanted us to endorse "acquiring" ... "additional" resources. OMB supports the wording in the draft at Tab I. You should particularly note Secretary Shultz's comment on his memo to you at Tab D.

RECOMMENDATION

That you initial your memo to the President at Tab II, remove Tab D, and forward Tab I with Tabs A through C attached.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab II - Clark Memo to the President

Tab I - Draft NSDD

Tab A - Results of NSC Meeting dtd July 12, 1983

Tab B - Weinberger Memo dtd July 13, 1983

Tab C - Military Exercise Approvals, dtd July 18, 1983

Tab D - Line-In-Line Out Changes to NSDD

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